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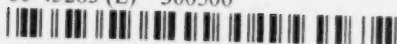
Letter dated 25 May 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have been instructed by my Government to lodge a protest at the recent visit of the President of the Republic of Albania to Kosovo and Metohija, the autonomous province of the Yugoslav constituent Republic of Serbia, without prior agreement by the authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. The visit and its overall thrust have been a function of support to terrorism, secession and organized crime in Kosovo and Metohija. It is no surprise that the visit brought another wave of violence and terror against Serbs and other non-Albanians in its train.

According to media reports, the Albanian President "emphasized" in his meetings with the representatives of the terrorist so-called Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) that the KLA and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) "beat the Serbs" and that in two years Kosovo and Metohija would be granted independence and called upon Kosovo and Metohija Albanians to work towards the creation of "Greater Albania" that, in addition to this Serbian province and Albania, would include parts of the Yugoslav constituent Republic of Montenegro and Macedonia. The crusade of the Albanian President is very much in line with the overall policy of the Republic of Albania of support for secessionists in Kosovo and Metohija which is not of recent date. As early as 1991, Albania was the only country in Europe to recognize the "Republic of Kosovo" proclaimed by ethnic Albanian separatists in this Serbian province.

The illegal visit of the highest-ranking official of the Republic of Albania to a part of the sovereign territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia without the prior agreement of its Government is yet another negative precedent contrary to international law and the principles of communication among States. It belongs among a series of recent incidents of flagrant violations of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the provisions of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999, expressly guaranteeing that sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) and the Kosovo Force (KFOR) have not prevented this illegal act from taking place. In failing to do that, they have aligned themselves with, and have given a United Nations nod of approval to, those who commit daily terror and crimes against the Serbs and other non-Albanians.



The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia calls on the Security Council to condemn the practice of illegal visits to Kosovo and Metohija and to reaffirm the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the obligation to implement Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) fully and consistently.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vladislav **Jovanovic**
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